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Mr. Howland Wood
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Dear Mr. Wood:

I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith a preliminary handy reference list of the Vernon series of medals together with an explanatory note. I shall be exceedingly grateful for your considered observations, especially as to the degree which the list facilitates the rapid identification of specimens.

I shall also feel most grateful if you will forward me a list of the serial numbers represented in your collection, and especially if you will notify me of any varieties that appear to be unlisted. If sufficient interest is shown, it is my purpose ultimately to publish a catalogue of this series, fully illustrated. I shall be most obliged for any names which may occur to you of collectors or institutions which possess collections of Vernon medals in order that I may bring the matter before them.

Sincerely yours,

L McCormick-Goodhart

May 1, 1937

Dr. Leander McCormick Goodhart,
Langley Park,
Silver Spring, Md.

Dear Mr. Goodhart:

I make my humble apologies for not answering your inquiry and acknowledging the list of Vernon medals which you sent on. For three months now I have neglected a large part of my correspondence as my assistant died the end of January. On account of his illness work had piled up here for some time and although I have a new assistant now there was an interval when there was nobody but myself in the Coin Room. I am beginning to see daylight again but it will be some time before everything is cleared up.

Also we have had two or three large collections of coins donated to us which crowded things a bit, and two or three more collections are coming.

Just as soon as possible I will go through your list and see what I can do for you. In this country the e does not seem to be much of any interest in Vernon medals. At the present time I know of no one interested in them and dealers state that the demand for these is either dead or very slow. Medals have never had the interest in this country that they have in Europe. How much interest is taken in Vernon medals in England I do not know.

I am making these statements in answer to your inquiry concerning the publishing of a catalogue. If I remember correctly, Storer published such a list and whether good or bad, I do not think it raised any interest whatsoever. As you have been actively engaged in this series, I think you are a better judge, however, than I am.

I suppose one of the best collections of Vernon medals in this country is the Storer collection now in the Navy Department, which is either in Washington or at Annapolis. You probably know all about this. I really know of no other collection of these, either in public or private hands.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks